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Sheriff's Office Helps Secure Obama's Visit



On August 16th, the Sheriff's Office participated in the security of President Obama's family during their vacation to the Grand Canyon. Prior to Air Force One landing at the Grand Canyon airport, there were ninety hours of planning by the Sheriff's Office to put things in place. Our Lieutenants worked with the Secret Service and the US Parks Service to make sure that all areas were covered.

The Sheriff's Office was responsible for the overall security of the airport; including the exterior and interior perimeters, control at the motorcade, and participated in the motorcade itself. Several agencies worked together in the security. There were twenty six CCSO Deputies, eighteen DPS Officers, six US Forest Service Officers, and four US Game and Fish Officers on duty. Volunteers of CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) also gave their time. The detail began at 5:00 a.m. and concluded at 2:00 p.m. We were very honored to participate.

Leadership in Police Organizations Graduation

On August 13th, six Supervisors from the Sheriff's Office graduated from Leadership in Police Organizations (LPO). LPO is a four week course taught by members of Arizona Peace Officers Standard Training Board (AZPOST).

The purpose of the LPO course is to provide a method for police leaders to; understand and apply modern behavioral science and leadership theories that enhance human motivation, satisfaction, and performance in the achievement of organizational goals, learn frameworks to organize knowledge and experience into effective leader actions, integrate course content into daily leadership practices, develop and achieve personal leadership to the fullest potential, and inspire a lifelong commitment to the study and practice of effective leadership.

The participants of the class include Chiefs of Police, Commanders, Lieutenants, Sergeants and Civilian Managers.



LPO Class # 8 students from Coconino County Sheriff, Flagstaff PD, Yuma PD, Showlow PD, Mohave County Sheriff, Navajo Nation PD, Lake Havasu City PD, Dept. of Public Safety, Prescott Valley PD, Bullhead City PD, Gila County Sheriff, Payson PD, Pinetop-Lakeside PD, Kingman PD, AZPOST

It is with this broad range of knowledge and experience, that students are able to gain insight from every aspect of leadership. This is the 8th class of LPO and the third year that the Sheriff's Office has participated in the course. All of Command Staff (Sheriff, Detention Commander, Commander of Support Services, Deputy Chief, and Captain of Operations) have completed the course, as well as all Lieutenants, several Sergeants and Civilian Managers. Our goal is to have all supervisors complete the course and apply it in every day leadership.

The graduates from the Sheriff's Office in this class are Sergeant Mike Sifling, Sergeant Jonathan Rodriguez, Sergeant Lois Namingha, Sergeant Mathew Freshour, Sergeant Paul Wible, and Administrative Operations Manager Kathleen Levinson.

Sheriff's Deputy Receives Award in Sniper Academy



Deputy Bill Rackley, recently attended the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Sniper/Observer Course.

Deputy Rackley received the Yellow Jacket award for marksmanship the most consecutive days in the history of the class. Congratulations Deputy Rackley!



Volunteer Dave Patterson Retires



From left to right: Jim Bret Programs Coordinator, Kurt Braatz Commander, Sheriff Pribil, Dave Patterson, Ellen Patterson – Dave's wife of over 50 years, Chaplain Susan Harte, Sergeant Michael Wildermuth, Lieutenant Tina Lawson

Dave volunteered as a religious facilitator at the jail for 35 years. Over that time he touched the lives of thousands of inmates with his unique approach to pastoral sharing. His dedication and skills were admired by inmates, staff and peers and is an inspiration to hundreds of Detention Facility staff.

The Sheriff presented Dave with a plaque commemorating his accomplishments. We would like to thank all our Facilitators for their time and talents that they share on behalf of the inmates in support of the Programs at Coconino County Detention Facility. Words can not express how appreciated you are for your caring attitudes.

On August 20th Sheriff Bill Pribil, officers and staff from the Coconino County Detention Facility gathered for lunch at Little America to honor Dave Patterson who officially retired on August 1, 2009.

Free Community Partnerships and Awareness Training in Flagstaff

On August 29th, the Coconino County Sheriff's Office, the Department of Homeland Security and the National Sheriff's Association sponsored an All-Hazards Homeland Security Initiative Community Partnership and Awareness Training in Flagstaff. This unique training opportunity is designed to educate the community how best to prepare and respond to a disaster when emergency responders are overwhelmed. Hurricane Katrina has taught us that citizens may be left to cope with a crisis on their own for the first hours or even longer.

The training included: How to create a Family Disaster Plan, What to include in a Family Disaster Kit, Developing a Community Resource Data Base, Crisis Response, Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, & Explosive information, Terrorism Awareness, and a Desktop Exercise.

A complimentary continental breakfast and lunch were provided with the course. The class was held at the Little America Hotel in Ballroom A, located at 2915 East Butler Avenue. The training was cost-free to all attendees.

Celebrating Success with CoCo S.P.I.R.I.T. Awards

The Celebrating Success Committee (representing almost every department) celebrated Customer Service Appreciation week by having County employees nominate peers to receive awards. As part of the nomination, the nominee was described using only three words.

Ten employees of the Sheriff's Office received awards.

Congratulations!

The award recipients are:



Gerry Blair, nominated by Lt. Mark Christian. Gerry is, "Committed, hard working, and helpful".

Sgt. Aaron Dick, nominated by Lt. Mark Christian. Aaron is, "Committed, Integrity, and caring".



Officer Jon Evenson, nominated by the Pre-trial and Pre-sentence Department. Jon is, "Patient, humble, and kind".

Amanda McDonald, nominated by Sue Bomboy. Amanda is, "Knowledgeable, helpful, and willing".



Kristy Prather, nominated anonymously. Kristy is, "Helpful, pleasant, and knowledgeable".

Officer Cory Ringenberg, nominated by Mary Hacker/Justice Court.



Patt Rudd, nominated by Lisa Hirsch. Patt is, "Efficient, resourceful, and professional".

Gail Smigiel, nominated by Laura Juergens. Gail is, "Professional, efficient, and knowledgeable".



Erika Wiltenmuth, nominated by Theresa Kulpinski and the Sheriff Support Services Managers. Erika is, "Resourceful, enthusiastic, and friendly".

Sheriff's Office Dive Team Training



On September 17th, the Page Dive team received training in and around the cables and dock anchors and performing grid and compass heading search patterns. The training took place at the Antelope Point area of Lake Powell.

The Coconino County Sheriff's Office is responsible for law enforcement on the County portion of Lake Powell, and the Colorado River from the Glen Canyon Dam to Lee's Ferry.

Our five member Dive Team was formed April 2007 through grant funding from the Law Enforcement Boating Safety Fund. The team currently is composed of officers from our Page

Substation. The purpose for the dive team is to provide search and rescue water operations and recoveries in navigable waterways in Coconino County.



New Pinewood Community Deputy Selected



The Sheriff's Office would like to congratulate Deputy Freddy Galicia for being selected as our newest Community Deputy for the Pinewood area. Deputy Galicia has been with the Sheriff's Office for over three years and looks forward

to helping Pinewood.

The Sheriff's Office Patrol Division is committed to the Community Policing Philosophy. The goals of this philosophy are to meet the needs of the community and work toward the common good of the community; enhance the quality of life within the community; establish alliances among law enforcement, community members, businesses and other

government entities; become part of the community and develop a thorough understanding of the day to day activities within the community; and facilitate crime prevention and problem solving within the community.

While all of our deputies are trained in community policing, some neighborhoods in the county have designated officers who work closely with neighborhood groups and organizers of special events. These Community Deputies are available as a resource to residents in their assigned neighborhoods; however, all deputies take police reports anywhere in the county when on duty.

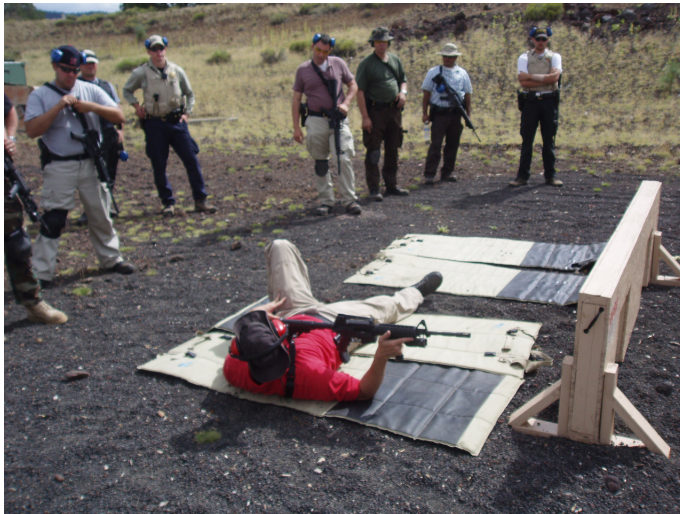
Firearms Training in Williams



Deputy Jerry Moran

On September 2nd, 9th and 16th, Williams patrol Deputy Jerry Moran, a Coconino County Firearms Instructor, instructed his first Rifle class with the Coconino County Sheriff's Office at the Williams cinder pits.

Flagstaff Patrol Firearm Instructors accompanied Deputy Moran and presented the class with a challenging course. Eleven County Deputies and one Flagstaff Patrol Officer attended the class.



After battling a heavy monsoon rain fall the first day, all participants passed the qualifications on September 16th.

Thank you Flagstaff Instructors and Flagstaff PD for coming down to our neck of the woods.



Detention Academy Graduation

On October 9th of this year the Sheriff's Office celebrated its 9th Basic Detention Academy with the graduation of ADA Class 76.

During this six week academy the cadets endured strenuous physical fitness, intense defensive tactics and weekly classroom tests covering all the topics regarding duties and responsibilities of a detention officer.

The officers that graduated from this past academy are Jessie Glasgow-Bilagody, Pete Gomez, Patrick Baze, Daniel Abbott, Christina Jimenez, Eryn Hover and Filiberto Valerio. Congratulations to all of you.



Arizona Detention Academy Class #76

Fort Valley Neighborhood Watch Kick Off



Coconino County Sheriff Bill Pribil and District 1 Supervisor Carl Taylor invited residents of the Fort Valley/Highway 180 communities to attend an Organizational Neighborhood Watch meeting on Wednesday, October 7th. The meeting was held from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

at the Lower Snowbowl Lodge located at the intersection of North Highway 180 and Snowbowl Road.



Coconino County Sheriff Bill Pribil and District 1 Supervisor Carl Taylor were at the meeting to encourage neighborhood participation and to share information.

Representatives of the Coconino County

Sheriff's Office and Coconino County were also available to answer questions and provide support to this partnership between law abiding citizens, law enforcement and County government.

Neighborhood Watch is similar to the Block Watch program commonly conducted in urban areas, and goes back to the

concept of "neighbors looking out for neighbors" that many people remember from 30 years ago.

It is one of the most effective ways to prevent and deter criminal activity, attend to home and personal security, address the safety of our children and the elderly, and to alleviate fear and isolation. Residents learn how to observe and report suspicious activity and reduce the risk of becoming a crime victim.

In Coconino County the Neighborhood Watch Program has evolved beyond the simple concept of community members being additional eyes and ears for law enforcement. Programs are now composed of concerned community members who want to positively impact the quality of life in their neighborhoods. Citizens partner with deputies and other County staff to identify problem areas and possible solutions. Often problems can be solved by a holistic approach utilizing law enforcement, government and neighborhood resources.

Participants decide the structure of the program including format, how often to meet and topics of discussion.

Masonic Lodge Officers of the Year



Masonic Flagstaff Lodge #7 Award Recipients and Supporters

On October 10th 2009 officers, firefighters, their friends and family, all gathered at the Radisson Hotel for an inspiring event. Flagstaff Lodge #7 hosted the Police and Fire-fighters Banquet for the 8th year which honored the most outstanding officer and firefighter of the year. These awards, unlike many others, are voted on by their peers, and not by immediate supervisors. Many of the officers and firefighters alike truly felt honored to receive this award, especially with the knowledge that it was their peers who awarded it to them.

Detention Officer II, Terry Wendling received the award from his peers at the Coconino County Detention Facility. Officer Wendling was hired as a Detention Officer I in December of 2007. He tested and was promoted to Detention Officer II in November of 2008.

Deputy Freddy Galicia began his career with the Sheriff's Office in July of 2006. He held the position as a narcotics agent and was assigned to the Northern Arizona Street Crimes Task Force (commonly known as Metro) for two years.

The Honor Guard, represented by members of the Flagstaff Police Dept., Flagstaff Fire Dept., and High-land Fire Dept., started the ceremony off with the presentation of the colors. The invocation was done by Larry Wallen, father of award winner Kristen Smith, and was followed by dinner and the presentation of the awards.

We are very proud of all of our officers and give our congratulations to Officer Wendling and Deputy Galicia.

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Detention Facility Kitchen Excels



Mike Pinnix

The Coconino County Detention Facility kitchen again passes the County Health inspection with an rating of "Excellent".

It's mandatory for Detention Facilities to provide a balanced diet for inmates. At Coconino County, we take this very seriously. Food Services Manager, Mike Pinnix not only makes sure of a nutritious diet,

he makes sure that the high standards of cleanliness are obtained in the preparation areas. Mike has been our Food Services Manager for over eight years and we appreciate everything that he does!

CERT Mans the Flu Vaccine Clinics

On Wednesday September 9th Gerry Blair, Alan Anderson and Len Friedlund met with Denise Burley who is the Senior Manager for Access to Health Care for the Coconino County Health Department.

The Health Department scheduled three Mass Flu Clinics during which community members received Seasonal Flu Vaccinations (not H-1N-1 Vaccinations, which will be available at a later date) She requested assistance from CERT Volunteers to staff two Information Hot Lines that provided community members with information and an opportunity to schedule a date and time for a Seasonal Flu Vaccination.

The clinics were held at the Coconino County Health Department. There were three clinics held in September. Each clinic was open from 8 am to 4 pm. We were asked to fill three positions during the duration of each clinic; a person to complete paperwork, a person to serve as a cashier, and a person to serve as a greeter. In addition we provided CERT Volunteers to staff two telephone hot lines at the Health Department on King Street to give information and schedule appointments for vaccinations.

The phone lines were staffed from September 11th through September 25th. The call center was in operation on week days only, from 8 am until 5 pm.

With the help of CERT volunteers, the Health Department was able to vaccinate 650 citizens during the first day of the clinic. CERT volunteers graciously gave 350 hours of service during the vaccination clinics.